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Board of Governors announces appointment of new academic vice-rector

December 13, 1979

Following the recommendation of an advisory search committee, Concordia's Board of Governors announced today the appointment of a new academic vice-rector for Engineering, Commerce and Administration and Fine Arts, which will become effective June 1, 1980.

The new vice-rector is 37-year-old John S. Daniel, currently academic vice-president of Learning Resources at Edmonton's Athabasca University.

A native of England, where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering at Oxford, Daniel completed a "doctorat d'état" at the Université de Paris before coming to Canada in 1969 to become assistant professor in metallurgy at the Université de Montréal's Ecole polytechnique.

A year later Daniel began part-time studies at Sir George Williams University towards a master's degree in educational technology, which he credits for a major shift in his career orientation.

Leaving behind engineering, Daniel coordinated and directed, from 1973 to 1977, educational technology programming and production at the Université du Québec's Télé-université.

Since 1978, Daniel has been responsible for academic programming, curriculum and student services at the Athabasca "open university". In the past year he initiated a business education course in "distance learning" and has taken a number of business and senior administration courses.

Daniel looks forward to renewing his ties with Concordia for which he has "great affection". "I'll probably be one of the first Anglos to return to Quebec after the referendum," he comments.

As a former engineer, an administrator and a lover of painting, theatre and the arts, Daniel brings to his new job a particularly interesting combination. His term of office runs until May 31, 1985.

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New Concordia vice-rector returns to Quebec after two-year absence

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MONTREAL, December 13, 1979 -- Concordia will have a new academic vice-rector for the Engineering, Commerce and Administration and Fine Arts faculties when Athabasca University administrator John S. Daniel takes up his duties at Concordia June 1, 1980.

Currently vice-president of Learning Resources at the Edmonton university, the 37-year-old Daniel will be replacing present vice-rector Jack Bordan who steps down after a five-year term of office.

Daniel is delighted at the prospect of renewing his ties with Concordia, which he remembers with "great affection". A native of England, where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering at Oxford, Daniel completed a "doctorat d'état" at the Université de Paris before coming to Canada in 1969 to begin work as an assistant professor in metallurgy at the Université de Montréal's Ecole polytechnique.

A year later Daniel began part-time studies at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia), toward a master's degree in educational technology, which he never completed. "It must be one of the few times," comments Daniel, "that a drop-out from any university has been hired as a vice-rector".

Daniel credits his experience at Concordia for a major shift in his career orientation. Turning his back on engineering, from 1973 to 1977 Daniel coordinated and directed educational technology programming and production at the Université du Québec's Télé-université.

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Daniel's term of office as vice-rector runs until May 31, 1985.

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Après deux ans d'absence, retour au Québec d'un nouveau vice-recteur à l'Université Concordia

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MONTRÉAL, le 13 décembre 1979 -- A compter du 1er juin 1980, l'Université Concordia s'assurera les services d'un nouveau vice-recteur à l'enseignement pour ses facultés de génie, de commerce et d'administration et des beaux-arts en la personne de M. John S. Daniel, administrateur à l'Athabasca University.

Actuellement vice-président aux "Learning Resources" à l'Université d'Edmonton, M. Daniel, âgé de 37 ans, remplacera M. Jack Bordan qui vient de terminer un mandat de cinq ans.

M. Daniel se dit très content de renouer avec l'Université Concordia pour laquelle il a conservé "une grande affection". Né en Angleterre, il y effectue un baccalauréat et une maîtrise en génie à l'Université d'Oxford; puis il fait un doctorat d'état à l'Université de Paris avant de venir au Canada en 1969 en qualité de professeur adjoint de métallurgie à l'École polytechnique de l'Université de Montréal.

Un an plus tard, il entreprend une maîtrise à temps partiel en technologie éducative à l'Université Sir George Williams (maintenant l'Université Concordia), maîtrise qu'il n'a jamais terminée. "Je dois être l'une des rares personnes à avoir quitté une université sans terminer son cours et à en devenir par la suite l'un des vice-recteurs."

M. Daniel estime que l'Université Concordia est en grande partie responsable de son changement d'orientation. Tournant le dos au génie en effet, il a, de 1973 à 1977, coordonné et dirigé la création de programmes en technologie éducative dans le cadre de la télé-université, à l'Université du Québec.

Depuis 1978, il est responsable des programmes universitaires et des services aux étudiants à la "Athabasca open university". L'année dernière, il a créé un cours d'enseignement du commerce "à distance" en plus de suivre un certain nombre de cours de commerce et d'administration avancée.

Le mandat de M. Daniel se termine le 31 mai 1985.

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